

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 6, 8-14, and 17-23 are currently pending in the application. By the foregoing, claims 1, 10 and 19 have been amended, claims 20-23 have been added, and claims 2-5, 7, 15 and 16 have been canceled without disclaimer. No new matter has been added, and all amendments are supported by the originally filed application

Drawings

Figure 1 has been amended to include the legend --Prior Art-- pursuant to the Examiner's requirement in the Action.

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR §1.84(p)(5) for including reference character 224 in Figure 7, which was not mentioned in the description. Figure 7 has been amended as set forth above. Applicant respectfully submits that Figure 7, as amended is now in compliance with 37 CFR §1.84(p)(5).

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR §1.83(a), the Examiner indicating that the plural serial ports recited in claim 14 must be shown. In Figure 4, reference number 232 has been added. Reference number 232 has also been added to paragraph [0045] of the specification to reference the plural serial ports recited therein. The plural serial ports in the extending base in the present invention are to be connected with plural computer peripheral equipment.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings, as amended are now in compliance with 37 CFR §1.83(a).

Further, in order to describe the technical features in the present invention more clearly, reference numbers are added to elements already shown in Figure 4 and Figure 7, including the slot 226 and the hollow 227.

No substantive changes have been made to the drawings (only reference numbers have been added), and no new matter has been added to the application by the drawing amendments.

Specification

In the Action, on page 4, paragraph "Specification", it states that the specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter, indicating that a hook structure, cited in claim 12 is not cited in the specification. In paragraph [0042], lines 5-9, it states:

For assembling, the detachable cover 22 is slightly pressed downwards to the base body 20 so the first engaging elements 225 are engaged with the second engaging elements 265. Preferably, the first engaging elements 225 and the second engaging elements 265 are hook structures.

Accordingly, the hook structure applied in the first engaging elements 225 and the second engaging elements 265 are clearly described in the specification. With such hook structures, the first engaging elements 225 and the second engaging elements 265 are mutually connected and engaged with each other by the corresponding

shape, so as to fix the assembly structure of the detachable cover 22 and the base body 20. Therefore, assembly of the detachable cover 22 and the base body 20 is accomplished by the hook structure without any screws.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

In the Action claims 2 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claim 2 has been canceled, and so the rejection is moot with respect to claim 2. However, Applicant addresses the rejection to the extent that the limitations of claim 2 have been incorporated into pending claim 1.

Claim 1 recites "a latch connected with said sliding structure and protrudent out of said detachable cover for accepting said external force". Please refer to Figure 3 and Figure 4. These figures illustrate the internal structure of the detachable cover and the base body according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. In the Specification, at paragraph [0041], lines 6-10, it recites that

...there are a plurality of the first engaging elements 225 mounted on the downward side of the detachable cover 22. Inside the base body 20, there is the sliding structure 26 mounted thereon. There are a plurality of the second engaging elements 265 mounted on the sliding structure 26 for engaging with the first engaging elements 225.

Clearly, as described in the original specification, the positions of the first engaging elements 225 and the second engaging elements 265 are corresponding to each other. When the detachable cover 22 and the base body 20 is assembled, the detachable cover 22 is slightly pressed downwards to the base body 20 so the first engaging elements 225 are engaged with the second engaging elements 265. Through the engagement between the first engaging elements 225 and the second engaging elements 265, the detachable cover 22 is tightly fixed on the base body 20.

When the detachable cover 22 and the base body 20 is to be disassembled (refer to Figure 6, which is a bottom view of the extending base), an external force is applied to the latch 28 connected to sliding structure 26 as shown in Figure 4, and the sliding structure 26 will slide along the direction 77. Because the plural second engaging elements 265 are mounted on the sliding structure 26, the plural second engaging elements 265 will slide along the direction 77 with the sliding structure 26. The first engaging elements 225 are fixed on the downward side of the detachable cover 22. So when the sliding structure 26 slides along the direction 77, the second engaging elements 265 will separate from the first engaging elements 225. Therefore, the detachable cover 22 and the base body 20 will be disassembled.

In the Specification, paragraph [0043] recites:

...since the sliding structure 26 and the second engaging elements 265 are formed integrally, the second engaging elements 265 will slide along the direction 77 together with the sliding structure 26. Therefore, the

first engaging elements 225 and the second engaging elements 265 are disengaged from each other when the external force which impels the sliding structure 26 to slide along the direction 77 is applied to the latch, so that the detachable cover 22 is detached from the base body 20.

Therefore, by applying an external force to the latch 28, the user can easily detach the detachable cover 22 and open the extending base easily. Hence, the originally filed application clearly enables one to practice the invention set forth in claim 1, as amended.

Claim 11 recites that "positions of said two guiding elements and said guiding block are changeable on said detachable cover for being adapted to different sizes of said portable computer." The changeable guiding elements and guiding block are shown in Fig. 7 and the paragraph [0045] in the specification. The two guiding elements 222 are respectively mounted at two upper corners of the detachable cover 22. The detachable cover 22 further includes the guiding block 223 which is mounted at the upside of the detachable covers 22 for further guiding the portable computer to the fixed position.

Paragraph [0045] recites:

the positions of two guiding elements 222 and the guiding block 223 mounted on the detachable cover 22 are changeable on the detachable cover 22 for being adapted to different sizes of the portable computer. As shown, the guiding elements 222 are positioned on a slot 226, and there is a hollow 227 near to the guiding block 223. Therefore, the positions of the guiding elements 222 and the guiding block 223 are changeable when the guiding elements 222 are moved on the slot 226 and the guiding block 223 is moved on the hollow 227.

Accordingly, when the user uses different portable computers, he can directly move the guiding elements 222 and the guiding block 223 to a proper position for guiding the computer to a fixed position. While amendments to the specification have been made, no new matter has been added. The additional recitation merely states what is clearly shown in the drawings and described in the original specification. The invention of claim 11 can easily be practiced by referring to the original drawings and the originally filed specification.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and 11 clearly comply with the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 10, 11 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The Examiner indicates that there exists an inconsistency in claims 10 and 15 between the language in the preamble claim 1 and certain portions of the claims, thereby making the scope of the claims unclear. Accordingly, claim 10 has been amended. Claim 15 has been cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 10 and claim 11 are now in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the action, Claims 17 and 18 were allowed. Claims 3, 6, 8, 9, and 14 were only objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Accordingly, claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 3 and intervening claim 2. Claim 19 also includes limiting language from claims 2 and 3. New claim 20 includes the limitations of allowable claim 6 as originally filed; new claim 21 includes the limitations of allowable claim 8 as originally filed; new claim 22 includes the limitations of allowable claim 9 as originally filed; and new claim 23 includes the limitations of allowable claim 14 as originally filed. In view of the indication in the Action of allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 19-23 are allowable. Claims 6 and 8-14 depend from claim 1, and therefore, these claims should also be allowable.

If the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issue in order to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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In view of the foregoing Amendments and Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and submits that the present Application, including claims 1, 6, 8-14, 17-23, is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1, 4, and 7. These sheets, which include Figures 1, 4, and 7, replace the original sheets including Figures 1, 4, and 7. In Fig. 1, the legend --Prior Art-- has been added. In Fig. 4, reference number 232 with associated leader has been added. In Fig. 7, reference number 22 has been renamed reference number 24; reference number 224 has been renamed reference number 222; reference numbers 22, 226, 227 with associated leaders have been added. No new matter has been added.